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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 14-19 without prejudice or disclaimer. Please amend claim 12 as follows:

12. (Amended) A method for screening for a compound that inhibits the growth of an organism comprising the *ycf24* gene, the method comprising

(i) contacting a test compound with the *ycf 24* gene product, and

(ii) determining whether the test compound inhibits the activity of or binds to the product, any such binding or inhibition suggesting that the compound may inhibit the growth of the organism.